UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

ROBERT G. WINGO,)				
Plaintiff,)				
vs.)	No.	80	С	368
THYSSENKRUPP MATERIALS NA,)				
INC., d/b/a COPPER AND BRASS,)				
Defendant.)				

Deposition of RANDY E. LUNT, called for examination, taken pursuant to notice, agreement and by the provisions of the Rules of Civil Procedure for the United States District Courts pertaining to the taking of depositions, taken before PATRICIA A. ARMSTRONG, a Notary Public within and for the County of DuPage, State of Illinois, and a Certified Shorthand Reporter, No. 084-1766, of said state, taken at 29 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the 29th day of May, 2008 at 7:30 a.m.

- 1 Q. What undergraduate degree do you
- 2 hold?
- 3 A. Bachelor's in business.
- 4 Q. Is your Bachelor's Degree a Bachelor
- 5 of Arts or Bachelor of Science?
- 6 A. Bachelor of Science.
- 7 Q. When did you receive your Bachelor's
- 8 Degree?
- 9 A. Excuse me?
- 10 Q. When did you receive your Bachelor's
- 11 Degree?
- 12 A. 1997.
- 13 Q. From what institution did you receive
- 14 your Bachelor's Degree?
- 15 A. University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 16 Q. Do you hold any professional licenses
- 17 or certifications?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Are you currently employed by Copper
- 20 and Brass Sales?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. When did you begin your employment
- 23 with Copper and Brass Sales?
- 24 A. July 1994.

- 1 on years of service, there is progressive
- 2 increases from a warehouseman with zero years of
- 3 experience versus two years of experience.
- 4 It has escalated a little bit for
- 5 machine operators and for helpers, the time lines
- 6 are a little bit shorter.
- 7 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 8 Q. How is it that management at Copper
- 9 and Brass Sales at the location at which you are
- 10 the plant manager determine which Union employees
- 11 work in a specific job position or job
- 12 classification?
- 13 A. When you say "job classification,"
- 14 you are talking warehouseman versus machine
- 15 operator?
- 16 Q. Yes.
- 17 A. It's done through a bidding process
- 18 per the contract.
- 19 Q. And how is it that management at the
- 20 Copper and Brass Sales plant that you manage
- 21 determines which Union employees work in a
- 22 specific job classification within the warehouse
- 23 classification?
- A. If all warehousemen, which ones we

- 1 pick to work, say, RBW versus -- it's done
- 2 strictly who has the capability to do the job
- 3 best. We are looking at maximizing our
- 4 efficiencies and our productivity.
- 5 It's also based on the fact that we
- 6 consider warehousemen as a pool of labor from
- 7 which we pick on, so we will pick the most
- 8 efficient RBW employee versus PVC versus packer
- 9 versus whatever on that and arrange accordingly.
- 10 Q. Is there a specified training period
- 11 for warehouse persons within those specific job
- 12 positions?
- 13 A. From one classification to another,
- 14 30 days is a standard training. But that's just
- 15 to move from, say, a helper to a warehouse
- 16 position.
- 17 There is so much knowledge that
- 18 overlaps from whether you are packing at the sheet
- 19 station, packing at the packaging station or
- 20 packing at RBW, 90 percent of that is the same,
- 21 it's repetitive.
- 22 So it requires very little training
- 23 to move from one area to another.
- Q. To your knowledge, how many of the

- 1 and probation, they are a letter of probation.
- Q. You are familiar with Tyler DeMien?
- 3 A. Yes, I am.
- 4 Q. To your knowledge, in late 2007, was
- 5 Tyler DeMien doing the side loader operator
- 6 functions at the Schaumburg facility?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And in late 2007, prior to
- 9 Mr. Wingo's termination was Tyler DeMien working
- 10 the third shift operating the side loader?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Tyler is related to Mark?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Mark is Tyler's father?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And Mark DeMien is the supervisor on
- 17 the first shift?
- 18 A. The first shift, correct.
- 19 Q. There are occasions when Mark DeMien
- 20 would supervise his son Tyler?
- 21 A. There is some overlap, yes.
- 22 Q. Isn't it true that there is a policy
- 23 at Copper and Brass Sales that relatives should
- 24 not supervise each other?

- 1 A. I believe that policy was implemented
- 2 after Tyler was hired. But it was brought to my
- 3 attention from my vice president that it will
- 4 never happen again.
- 5 Q. I'm sorry. So are you indicating
- 6 there was an exception made with respect to Mark
- 7 DeMien supervising his son Tyler at Copper and
- 8 Brass Sales?
- 9 MR. DISBROW: Objection; mischaracterizes
- 10 testimony.
- 11 BY THE WITNESS:
- 12 A. I did not say that.
- 13 BY MS. WEGNER:
- Q. Exhibit No. 18 contains a suspension/
- probation notice dated December 21, 2006, the
- 16 first page.
- 17 MR. DISBROW: That's what I was just
- 18 getting at, you are dealing specifically with the
- 19 first page only; correct?
- MS. WEGNER: Yes.
- 21 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 22 Q. Does the suspension/probation notice
- 23 that is the first page Exhibit 18 state that Tyler
- 24 DeMien had received numerous verbal and written